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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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I. Introduction

1. Information on the prior consideration of agenda item 34 by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/62/406.

2. The Fourth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 26th meeting, on 11 August 2008.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group.[1]

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.4/62/L.20

4. At the 26th meeting, on 11 August 2008, the representative of Canada, on behalf of Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" (A/C.4/62/L.20).

5. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/62/L.20 (see A/C.4/61/SR.26).

6. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/62/L.20 without a vote (see para. 7).

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/62/19).

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III. Recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

7. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling in particular its resolutions 61/267 A of 16 May 2007, 61/267 B of 24 July 2007 and 61/291 of 24 July 2007,

Affirming that the efforts of the United Nations in the peaceful settlement of disputes, including through its peacekeeping operations, are indispensable,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to continue to improve its capabilities in the field of peacekeeping and to enhance the effective and efficient deployment of its peacekeeping operations,

Considering the contribution that all States Members of the United Nations make to peacekeeping,

Noting the widespread interest in contributing to the work of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations expressed by Member States, in particular troop-contributing countries,

Bearing in mind the continuous necessity of preserving the efficiency and strengthening the effectiveness of the work of the Special Committee,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group;[1]

2. *Endorses* the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee, contained in paragraphs 15 to 199 of its report;

3. *Urges* Member States, the Secretariat and relevant organs of the United Nations to take all necessary steps to implement the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee;

4. *Reiterates* that those Member States that become personnel contributors to the United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chairman of the Special Committee, become members at the following session of the Special Committee;

5. *Decides* that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of

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its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field,

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects".